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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Research and Reports  
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SUBJECT : Ideas for New Collection Systems

1. As you know, the IAC has recently established a Critical Collection Problems Committee (CCPC) to concern itself with the problems of collecting information on topics of the greatest importance to intelligence. The CCPC is currently concerned with the problem of acquiring information on the Soviet missile program. Because of the importance of this problem and the difficulty of acquiring pertinent information, it is essential that we consider all possible means of collection.

2. I would appreciate it if you would ask the people in your Office to forward to me any ideas that they might have for collection systems that are not being used at the present time. Please encourage them to send in new ideas regardless of how impractical they may seem and to continue to think about this problem since it will probably be with us for some time.

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